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Memorandum 2008-31

Election of Officers

Each year, the Commission elects a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to serve a one-year term, beginning on September 1.

The terms of the incumbent Chairperson, Sidney Greathouse, and the incumbent Vice Chairperson, Pamela Hemming, will end on August 31, 2008.

Ordinarily, the election of officers takes place at the last meeting scheduled before September 1. Under the existing meeting schedule for 2008, that would be the August 15, 2008, meeting.

However, Memorandum 2008-30 discusses the possibility of postponing the August meeting to early September. If the meeting is postponed as proposed, then the last meeting scheduled before September 1 would be the June 5, 2008, meeting. For that reason, election of officers has been placed on the June meeting agenda. If the Commission decides not to postpone the August meeting, the election of officers could take place at the June meeting or at the August meeting.

The Commission's Handbook of Practices and Procedures states:

1.1. Officers

The officers of the Commission are the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. The term of office of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson is one year, commencing on September 1 of each year. The officers hold office until election of successors.

At meetings, the Vice Chairperson shall act as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson or where the Chairperson is unavailable, the Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson, the Commission shall elect new officers for the remainder of the term.

No officer is eligible to succeed himself or herself in the same office in which the officer has served a full term. However, an officer who has served for less than a full term may succeed himself or herself in the same office for a full term; and, where the Chairperson is reelected to office, the incumbent Vice Chairperson is eligible for reelection even though reelection may result in the

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Vice Chairperson succeeding himself or herself for another full term.

With that information in mind, the Commission should elect a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to take office on September 1, 2008, and hold office until August 31, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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